

Message on Head Start

Program gives 'whole child' successful start

The Head Start Program has helped America's disadvantaged children since 1966. This year, Head Start serves more than 912,000 children and 1.45 million Americans volunteer to help.

President Bush has recommended that Head Start be moved from the purview of the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education. He has also proposed that the funding for Head Start be "block granted," or given directly to individual states to determine how to use the money, regardless of federal standards or criteria.

I do not believe either of these recommendations are wise and neither will improve the program. Head Start is much more than just an education program. Head Start addresses the needs of the "whole child" and his or her family, and the Department of Education is not equipped to do so. Also, I am fearful that states would divert important Head Start funds away from the disadvantaged children who most need them into other



Rep. Pastor recently toured a Phoenix Head Start site and observed children in the program to view firsthand the effectiveness of the program.

childhood programs that may be experiencing fiscal problems.

I will continue to support the Head Start program in its current configuration and fight to increase funding.

Cesar Chavez HS artist wins Fourth District contest

Congressman Pastor describes the talent of Jesus Ortiz, 16, of Phoenix, who won the Congressional Art Competition for the Fourth District of Arizona, which Pastor represents.



"Captivity" by Jesus Ortiz.



Cesar Chavez High School sophomore Jesus Ortiz, 16, of Phoenix, won the Fourth Congressional District's Art Competition, announced Rep. Ed Pastor.

Ortiz, the son of Juan and Maria Ortiz, won the contest with his scratchboard drawing entitled "Captivity." He will attend "An Artistic Discovery" event in Washington where student artists from throughout the country will be acknowledged. "Captivity" will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year as winner of the competition.

Chavez stamp unveiled

Congressman Ed Pastor joined U.S. Postal Service officials and Gov. Janet Napolitano in April at an event where a stamp commemorating Cesar Chavez, the late migrant labor leader and human rights activist, was unveiled.

Chavez was born near Yuma and died in San Luis, Ariz. He was founder of the United Farm Workers.



Rep. Pastor joined Postal Service District Manager Charles Davis and Gov. Janet Napolitano to unveil the Cesar Chavez stamp.

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Due to the threat of anthrax-contaminated mail delivered to the Capitol complex, mail delivery to my Washington Office was disrupted and is being released only slowly, as individual letters are treated. Please feel free to resend your correspondence to my Phoenix District Office. Thank you.

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Working in Congress to help families, economy

\$3 trillion deeper in national debt, 3 million fewer jobs

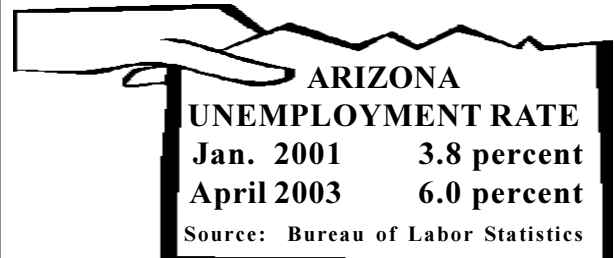
Dear Fellow Arizonans:

I have spent the past few months fighting to convince my colleagues in Congress to support a realistic plan to help working families and boost the national economy. Unfortunately, the majority in Congress has passed a tax cut bill, H.R. 2, that not only leaves behind low- and middle-income families, but continues to help the wealthy. This is occurring at a time when the unemployment rate nationally is the highest it has been in nine years and 159,000 Arizonans are out of work.

But I believe there is no logical reason for sup-

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Arizonans losing jobs



Unemployment rates are higher in Arizona and 47 other states since the beginning of the Bush Administration.

New FAA tower at Sky Harbor receives federal boost

Additional radar facility will monitor aircraft



Congressman Pastor recently joined Federal Aviation Administration and city of Phoenix officials to break ground for construction of a new Airport Traffic Control Tower at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Construction will include a new Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility. The current airport tower was built in the 1970s.

Rep. Pastor recently joined Federal Aviation Administration and city of Phoenix officials at an FAA event to announce a new control tower and radar facility. From left to right are Councilman Mike Johnson, FAA Regional Administrator William Withycombe, Mayor Skip Rimsza, Rep. Pastor, Deputy Manager Marcia Wallace and Mrs. Verma Pastor.

Working in Congress to help families, economy

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“Don’t be fooled. This \$350 billion tax cut comes at the cost of the Social Security Trust Fund. It comes at the cost of missing another opportunity to help elder Americans buy their prescription drugs.”

- Congressman Ed Pastor

port of H.R. 2, named the Job and Growth Tax Act of 2003. It masquerades as a vehicle for creating jobs, but it won’t create jobs. It will put the nation further in debt and create fiscal hardships for future generations.

Don’t be fooled. This \$350 billion tax cut comes at the cost of the Social Security Trust Fund. It comes at the cost of missing another opportunity to help elder Americans buy their prescription drugs. It comes at the cost of failing schools.

A similar tax cut passed the House in 2001 in hopes of creating jobs and growing the economy. But it never created jobs. In fact, almost 2.7 million private sector jobs have been

lost and the economy grows at a measly 1.6 percent, the weakest economic growth in 50 years.

Even Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, has said the increased deficits caused by these tax cuts will actually damage the economy. And the Congressional Budget Office has said that the effect of this tax cut ‘is not obvious.’

I urge you to stay in touch with this debate in Congress and contact my offices to voice your concerns.

Sincerely,

Congressman Ed Pastor

Helping working families

Rep. Pastor backs plans to expand child tax credit Majority tax bill left out 357,000 Arizona kids



U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor is cosponsor of H.R. 2286, legislation that would provide and increase the child tax credit for families who make between \$10,500 and \$26,625 a year. In last minute negotiations on the recent tax cut legislation, the Republican congressional leadership denied the increase in the tax credit to these families.

The legislation supported by Rep. Pastor would benefit approximately 357,000 children in Arizona and about 19 million nationwide.

“In a last minute deal on a \$350 billion tax cut, the Republican leadership chose to help the wealthiest Americans rather than help working families such as those in the Fourth District of Arizona,” Pastor said. “I believe we should make it a priority to correct this injustice and give these working families a child tax credit.”

Pastor added “The House and Senate have passed proposals to fix the imbalance, but a fair and equitable solution remains in question.”

Rep. Pastor spoke about his work in Congress with children who attend Morris K. Udall Escuela de Bellas Artes School in Phoenix.

Boys & Girls Club in Guadalupe built with federal \$300K HUD grant

Congressman Ed Pastor recently visited the Boys & Girls Club branch in Guadalupe to announce a \$300,000 grant for the organization awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funding was used to build a new facility and expand services to Guadalupe youth.



**Building stronger,
safer communities**

During the announcement of a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Boys & Girls Club branch in Guadalupe, Rep. Pastor met with officials from the club, the town of Guadalupe and HUD to discuss the importance of youth programs for the town.

Rep. Pastor met with children who participate in programs at the Thunderbird Branch of the Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley in Guadalupe to listen to their concerns about youth issues and programs for the club.



Rep. Pastor supports naturalization for immigrant soldiers 37,000 legal permanent residents serving in military

**Five percent of the military
are immigrant soldiers.**



A bill that facilitates U.S. citizenship to immigrant soldiers in America's military has been passed in the House of Representatives, announced Rep. Ed Pastor.

Pastor, who supports H.R. 1954, said the bill is of critical importance because it pays appropriate respect to the honorable service of immigrant men and women in uniform.

"Throughout America's history, immigrant soldiers have risked everything for their adoptive country -- the United States," Pastor said. "They have made tremendous contributions to this country's freedom and this legislation would pay tribute to these soldiers and their families."

The bill also would allow immediate family members to continue with their immigration process should the immigrant soldiers be killed in service, Pastor said.

Bilingual nurses program addresses critical need



Congressman Pastor meets with students to discuss the Bilingual Nursing Fellowship Program during an April event at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix.

Congressman Ed Pastor recently was successful in securing funds for a Bilingual Nursing Fellowship Program at Maricopa Community Colleges. The program was designed to address the critical shortage of registered nurses in Arizona -- particularly those who are able to communicate fluently with Spanish-speaking patients.

The program pairs South Mountain Community College and Gateway Community College, in cooperation with Banner Health System, and together they provide a comprehensive, hands-on training curriculum in order to offer improved health care for Spanish-speaking patients.

"This addresses both the shortage in nurses and the critical need for bilingual health care workers who work with the Valley's growing Spanish-speaking population," Pastor said.

Rep. Pastor accepted an award recognizing his efforts in Congress on behalf of the Bilingual Nursing Fellowship Program from Peter Fine, CEO of Banner Health.



"Three Valley hospitals alone receive 10,000 requests per month for translations."

*Peter Fine,
Banner Health CEO*

Mobile offices offered throughout 4th District

Congressional staff regularly visits community centers throughout the Fourth Congressional District each month to meet with constituents and help them with problems they may have regarding federal agencies.



Community liaison E. Mari Herrera meets with Albert and Carmen Flores at the Rose Lane Recreation Center in Glendale to discuss mobile services offered by Rep. Pastor.

The schedule for mobile offices is:

First Wednesday of each month, 9 - 11 a.m.

South Mountain Community Center

212 E. Alta Vista, Phoenix

Second Thursday of each month, 9 - 11 a.m.

Squaw Peak Senior Center

2927 E. Campbell Ave., Phoenix

Third Wednesday of each month, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Rose Lane Recreation Center

5003 W. Marlette, Glendale

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Guadalupe Senior Center

9401 S. Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe